



Cherokee County School District  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes Notes

Hickory Flat Elementary  
School Council  
08/25/2025

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| MEETING CALLED BY | Kerry Estep                                                                                          |
| TYPE OF MEETING   | Regular Meeting                                                                                      |
| PRINCIPAL         | Kerry Estep                                                                                          |
| NOTE TAKER        | McKenney Spence                                                                                      |
| MEMBERS PRESENT   | Sabrina Osceola, Michael Silverman, Tim Chapman, Autumn Stephenson, Erin Ruszkowski, McKenney Spence |

### Agenda Items

| TOPIC                            | DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Call to Order                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kerry Estep called to order @ 3:00 pm</li><li>• Members present Sabrina Osceola, Michael Silverman, Tim Chapman, Autumn Stephenson, Erin Ruszkowski, McKenney Spence</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Report of the Principal          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>New Council Members Welcome</b> ( Mrs. Stephenson, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Archevald)</li><li>▪ <b>School Advisory Council Training</b></li><li>▪ <b>Assigning Roles:</b></li><li>▪ Chairman: Tim Chapman</li><li>▪ Vice-Chairman: Erin Ruszkowski</li><li>▪ Secretary: McKenney Spence</li><li>▪ <b><u>Leadership Qualities of a Principal:</u></b></li><li>▪ -Motion to accept</li><li>▪ -first (Spence)</li><li>▪ -Second (Chapman)</li></ul> |
| CCSD Key Priorities<br>SIP Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>CCSD Key Priorities:</u></b></li><li>• -Reviewed</li><li>•</li><li>• <b><u>SIP:</u></b></li><li>• -Reviewed</li><li>•</li><li>Chapman asked about possible reasons to not achieve goals:</li><li>• -Time</li><li>• -Make sure that we are teaching to mastery, finding the deficits, filling the gaps, etc.</li><li>• Media center goals - wait to see if grant won to purchase 3d printer</li></ul>                                   |
| PTA – Sabrina                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• -Back to school breakfast was great</li><li>• -Upcoming project:</li><li>• -Flight Crew (Dad's club)</li><li>• -more volunteers</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -more father figures in the building</li> <li>• -sold \$10,000 in spirit wear</li> <li>• -Caffeinate and Educate (wasn't as successful)</li> <li>• -want to get the word out</li> <li>• -Chapman suggested trying again later in the year because of timing and an overload of information</li> <li>• -Maybe gamify it</li> <li>• -PTA memberships are low</li> <li>• -450 last year and about 260 this year</li> <li>• -Number should go up to 350 from businesses</li> <li>• -Rock is open to the public</li> <li>• -Fun Run kickoff starts tomorrow</li> <li>• -Money raised will go towards technology</li> <li>• -goal is \$75,000</li> <li>• -Clinic and Counselor Drive coming up</li> </ul> |
| Foundation – Erin            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -Continue Playground expansion</li> <li>• -raised \$3000 in Spirit wear</li> <li>• Events:</li> <li>• -basketball camp Jan 5</li> <li>• -Father Daughter February</li> <li>• -Mother son with Auction</li> <li>• -Golf Tournament</li> <li>• -Possible fundraiser</li> <li>• -front row Joe</li> <li>• -car rider</li> <li>• -front row tickets to 5th grade ceremony</li> <li>• -3 New members</li> <li>• -Spreading word in the community</li> <li>• -Next meeting September 5th</li> <li>• -Estep will send more info out about Foundation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                            |
| New Business/Upcoming Events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Closing Items

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| <b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b> | Kerry Estep adjourned the meeting @ 4:00 pm. |
| <b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b> | Next school year – October 27,2025           |